

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to recite "a compound having a solid acid site." Support for this amendment can be found on page 5, line 9 of the present specification.

In view of the foregoing amendment, and the amendments and remarks filed July 6, 2009, Applicants take the position that the presently claimed invention is clearly patentable over the applied references.

Therefore, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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